

CSWC Operational Period Summary

1800 March 22 2015 to 0600 March 23 2015



Sunrise at Leo Carrillo State Beach, Malibu, Los Angeles County

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SITUATION SUMMARY

Significant Events – National

Deep Scars but Hope of Renewal a Year After Deadly Washington State Mudslide

(Reuters) Amid an anniversary weekend of prayers, commemorations and a solemn moment of silence, families of victims and survivors say it is hard to reconcile themselves to their losses. The Washington state legislature is considering a transport package that includes funds of \$36 million over 12 years for laser mapping of landslide-prone areas. Bills would require the state to build a public database of laser-mapped areas and hazards, and tweak state law to let firefighters respond to all kinds of catastrophes, including landslides. A December 2014 report found the Washington State Patrol was unable to send in firefighters following the slide after a state lawyer said dispatching them would violate state law. Major relief group American Red Cross, and charities United Way of Snohomish County, and Cascade Valley Hospital Foundation have handed out, or committed to disburse, roughly \$8 million from donations of more than \$9.4 million for aid such as housing stipends, grief counseling, food and clothing.

Airports Try to Stop Lone Wolf Threat

(CNN) Even as major airports across the country clamp down on employee screening, a lone wolf could still potentially slip through security, a top airport official said. Patrick Gannon, police chief of Los Angeles International Airport, said the 54,000 employees with security badges undergo recurring criminal background checks and random screening. But even that may not be enough. Only two major airports in the United States -- Miami and Orlando -- conduct full employee screening by requiring all employees with access to secure areas to pass through a metal detector, a CNN investigation found. Other airports like Los Angeles conduct random screenings. Many airports don't do any screenings at all other than a criminal background check before employees are hired. The crackdown on employee screening comes after the arrest of a Delta baggage handler and passenger accused of gun smuggling at Atlanta's Hartsfield Jackson International Airport in December. The TSA is conducting a review of the feasibility of full employee screening, although previous government studies have concluded that would be too expensive and inefficient.

SITUATION SUMMARY

Significant Events – International

Why is ISIS so Successful at Luring Westerners?

(CNN) For a throng of radical anti-Western militants, ISIS is pretty good at getting Westerners to join them. The latest may be 11 foreign medical students whose families fear they might have gone to Syria to work in ISIS-controlled hospitals. But they're far from alone. Last month, three teenage British girls suspected of wanting to join ISIS may have gone to Syria, authorities said. Their fates remain unknown. An estimated 3,400 Westerners have gone to join ISIS in their bloody quest to establish an Islamist state in Iraq and Syria, said Nicholas Rasmussen, director of the National Counterterrorism Center. So why is ISIS so skilled at luring Westerners? ISIS recruits are often young -- sometimes disillusioned teenagers trying to find purpose and make their mark. ISIS loyalists are told they will receive gifts from Allah, wrote Aqsa Mahmood, a young British woman who left Scotland to join ISIS and now acts as an ISIS recruiter. In the United States, National Intelligence Director James Clapper has said 180 Americans have tried to go to fight in Syria. But it's unclear how many of those were attempting to join ISIS.

Japanese Row over U.S. Island Base Move Deepens

(Reuters) A clash between Japan's central government and Okinawa island, host to the bulk of U.S. troops in Japan, deepened on Monday when the southern island's governor ordered a halt to underwater work at the site of a planned relocation of a U.S. Marine base. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's government and Okinawa have been on a collision course since anti-base conservative Takeshi Onaga was elected governor last November and ruling party candidates were trounced in a December general election. Onaga told a news conference that he was ordering local defense ministry officials to halt the underwater survey work, which the prefecture fears is harming local coral reefs, a prefecture official said. If those activities are not stopped within a week, Onaga may rescind approval for drilling operations given by his predecessor in December 2012, he said. Delays to the plan to move the Futenma base to a less populous area of northern Okinawa could be a headache for Abe ahead of an April 26-May 3 visit to the United States, announced on Monday. A summit with President Barack Obama is expected to highlight Washington's approval of Abe's more muscular security policy amid concerns about rising Chinese influence in the region.

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Weather of Concern

- No significant Weather Watches or Warnings are in effect.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County: http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/wwa_bc_cal.php

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:

Eureka Weather:

Unsettled weather will continue to bring showers and high elevation snow showers to northwest California through midweek. A building ridge will bring a quick warming and drying trend for the second half of the week.

Medford Weather:

Cooler air aloft will keep instability over the forecast area maintaining showers from this morning and into the afternoon. A fast moving system is then expected tonight in the form of a tightly wound surface low with a shortwave within the northwest flow aloft. This will produce rain, snow, and wind through Tuesday. Wind and precipitation will taper off by Tuesday evening, and high pressure and ridging will then build into the region and remain in place through the remainder of the workweek.

Reno Weather:

High elevation passes are snow covered this morning but will be quick to clear during the day. There are chances for showers near the Oregon border through Tuesday night with little additional accumulation. Breezy winds will linger through Tuesday with periods of blowing dust possible. High pressure will build over the west for the end of the week bringing dry conditions and temperatures well above average.

San Francisco Weather:

Lingering showers will continue across much of the region through this afternoon as a weak frontal boundary pushes inland. Rain chances then continue over the North Bay tonight into Tuesday morning while drying conditions return for the rest of the region tonight. A robust warming trend will occur for the latter half of the week with record high temperatures possible on Thursday and Friday.

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Sacramento Weather:

Relatively cool and unsettled weather will continue today and Tuesday. Strong high pressure will then rebuild by midweek and bring a return of very warm and dry conditions.

Hanford Weather:

A weak storm system will brush the northern portion of the area with precipitation possible mainly over the southern Sierra Nevada and Kern County Mountains through this morning. This system will also provide for increased winds over the ridges and below the mountains passes through Tuesday morning. Dry weather and above normal temperatures will return by Wednesday and continue through the end of the week.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Los Angeles Weather:

Low clouds, patchy fog, and possibly drizzle can be expected through this morning as a trough of low pressure moves through the area. Behind the trough, a warming trend and gusty north winds are expected for parts of the area through midweek. Well above normal temperatures are forecast for the end of the week and next weekend due to Santa Ana winds and high pressure building aloft.

Extreme Southwestern California Including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:

A trough of low pressure moving inland through the west today will bring cooling, patchy coastal low clouds, and gusty west winds for the mountains and deserts. For Tuesday and Wednesday, gradually warmer weather with locally gusty north winds on Wednesday. For Thursday and Friday, high pressure aloft and weak offshore flow will bring much warmer weather with gusty northeast winds near the coastal foothills. Cooling will begin near the coast on Saturday and spread inland on Sunday as onshore flow returns.

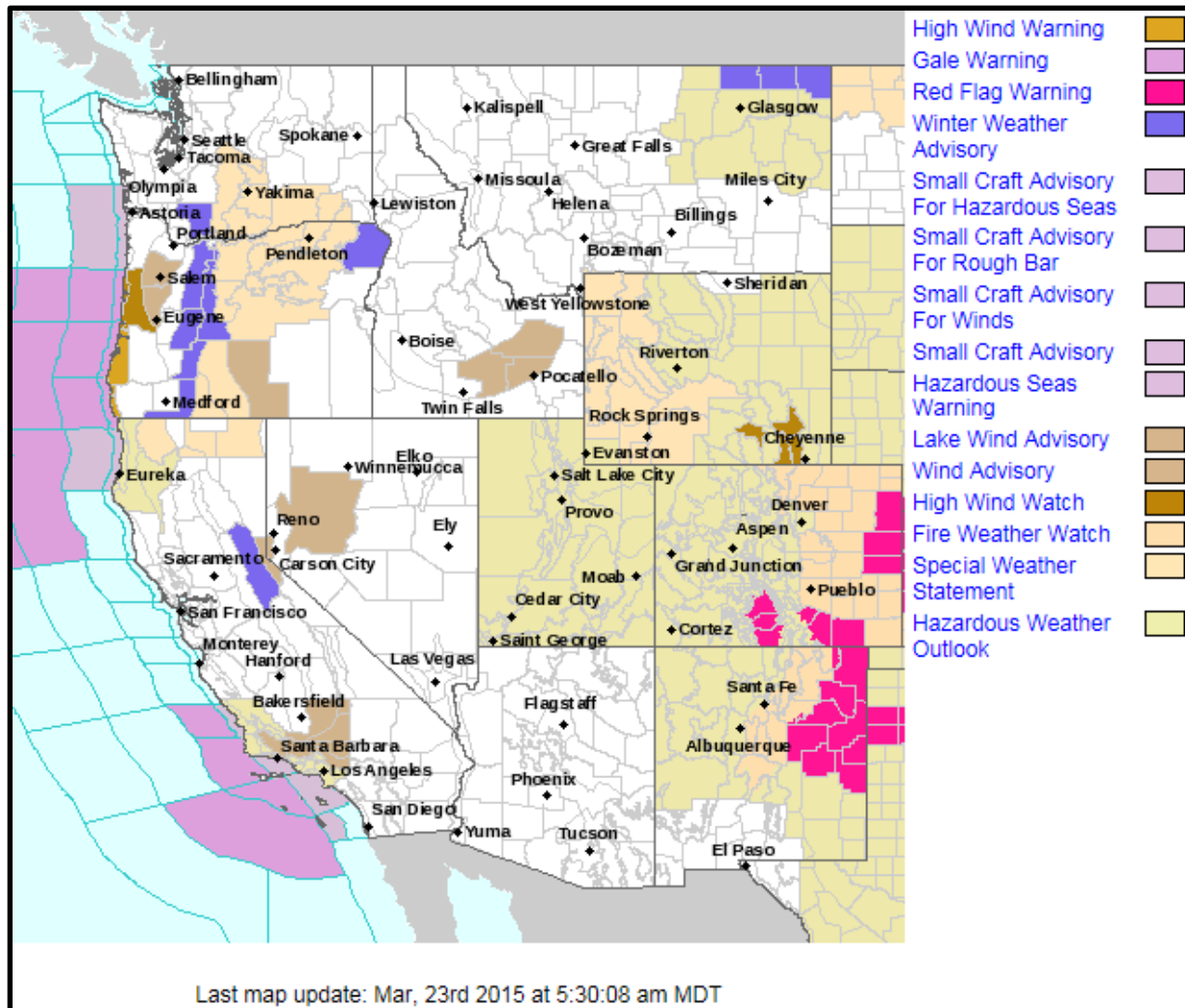
Southeast California Weather:

Mostly sunny skies, dry conditions, and abnormally warm temperatures will prevail through the week as high pressure remains anchored over the Desert Southwest. A weak low pressure system may bring some clouds and slightly cooler temperatures during the midweek period, but otherwise a return to widespread 90 degree temperatures are likely by the weekend.



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STATE WEATHER MAP



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FIRE ACTIVITY



Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 1

Northern California

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 1

Southern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

NWS California River Forecast Center:

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>

RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

Round Fire, Mono County

- Site sampling and hazardous materials recovery of the affected properties began 03/14/15. Cal Recycle to begin debris removal operations 03/23/15.

CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, and Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued an Executive Order on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought. Specifically, through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate a monthly state interagency conference call regarding drought community impacts.
- Cal OES Regional (Inland, Coastal, Southern) conference calls continue to occur on a bi-weekly basis.
- Cal OES Region/Recovery Call frequencies will change on an as needed basis.

CAL OES MISSIONS

Ongoing Cal OES Missions

- **2015-LAW-9064, 3/22/15, 1655 hours**, Yosemite National Park Search and Rescue HQ has requested assistance for a search of a missing hiker last seen Saturday in the Lower Falls area. Cal OES LDO is coordinating resources. **Update 1800 hours: 21 Type 1 SAR Ground Search resources have been secured for the mission. Mission ongoing.**
- **2015-LAW-9018, 3/18/15 1329 hours:** Solano County Sheriff requested 2 HRD dogs for a continuation of a search from 2013. The location of the search is in Vacaville CA. Cal OES Canine Coordinator is working on the request. Search scheduled for 3/25/15 at 0900. **Mission ongoing.**



Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.